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Waterways Transport Service
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced/proposes to introduce waterways transport service in some States;
(b) if so, the details thereof State/UT-wise;
(c) whether the Government proposes to implement the waterways projects on the Vaigai, Tamirabarani, Kauveri rivers in Tamil Nadu;
(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this project is likely to be started and completed; and
(e) the funds allocated by the Government for this project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. For declaration of 101 more inland waterways as national waterways, a Bill was introduced in the Budget Session of the Parliament in 2015 which also included the rivers of Tamil Nadu state. The Bill was referred to the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism & Culture for examination. Based on the recommendations of the Committee, a draft Cabinet Note for moving the "Official Amendments to the National Waterways Bill, 2015" for declaration of 106 new waterways as national waterways has been submitted to the Cabinet Secretariat on 16.11.2015 for consideration. A list of 106 waterways state -wise is enclosed as Annexure.

(c)to(e):Rivers namely AVM Canal, Bhavani, Kaveri - Kollidam, Manimutharu, Palar, Pazhyar, Ponniyar, Tamaraparani and Vaigai of Tamil Nadu have been included in the list of 106 waterways proposed for declaration as national waterways. However, Tamil Nadu Government vide their letter dated 02.11.2015(received on 17.11.2015) has suggested for the following stretches of canal / rivers only for declaring as national waterways:
I) Under Kakinada − Puducherry canal
a) AP − Tamil Nadu border Pulicot Lake to Ennore (approximately 25 km)
b) OkkiyamThorapakkam to Kaluvely Tank (Near Tamil Nadu Puduchery border approximately 103 km.)
II) Under AVM Canal, Poovar to Erayumanthurai
Kollancode (Tamil Nadu − Kerala Border) to Erayumanthurai (approximately 09 km) − Thangapattinam (approximately 03 km) − Mandaikaduputhoor(approximately 17 km) - Manakudikayal confluence point of Pazhaiyar river with Arabian sea, (approximately 16 km) in Tamil Nadu.
Out of the above waterways, the Kakinada − Puducherry canal stretch has already been declared as a national waterway and is part of National Waterway-4.
Process for carrying out TEF study / preparation of Detail Project Reports for the waterways included in the Bill has been initiated. Likely investments required for the purpose will be known after completion of the study. Decision for allocation of funds for development of new national waterways will be taken thereafter.

106 NEW PROPOSED WATERWAYSAnnexure
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S.No. State No. of rivers / canal Name of the River / Canal
1 Andhra Pradesh 2 Pennar and Tungabhadra
2 Arunachal Pradesh 1 Lohit
3 Assam 14 Aai, Barak, Beki, Dhansiri / Chathe, Dehing, Dikhu, Doyans, Gangadhar, Jinjiram, Kopili, Lohit, Puthimari, Subansiri and Tlwang (Dhaleswari)
4 Bihar 6 Gandak, Ghaghra, Karamnasa, Kosi, Punpun and Sone
5 Delhi 1 Yamuna
6 Goa 6 Chapora, Cumberjua, Mandovi, Mapusa, Sal and Zuari
7 Gujarat 5 Luni - Rann of Kutch, Mahi, Narmada, Sabarmati and Tapi
8 Haryana 2 Indira Gandhi Canal and Yamuna
9 Himachal Pradesh 3 Beas, Ravi and Sutlej
10 Jammu & Kashmir 4 Chenab, Indus, Jhelum and Ravi
11 Jharkhand 2 Kherkai and Subarnarekha
12 Karnataka 11 Bheema, Ghataprabha, Gurupur, Kabini, Kali, Malaprabha, Netravathi, Panchagangavali (Panchagangoli), Sharavati, Tungabhadra and Udayavara
13 Kerala 4 Avm Canal, Alappuzha- Changanassery Canal, Alappuzha- Kottayam − Athirampuzha Canal and Kottayam-Vaikom Canal
14 Maharashtra 14 Amba, Arunawati - Aran, Dabhol Creek - Vashishti river, Kalyan-Thane-Mumbai Waterway (including Vasai Creek &Ulhas river), Manjara, Nag, Narmada, Penganga - Wardha, Rajpuri Creek, Revadanda creek - Kundalika River, Savitri, Shastri /

Jaigad, Tapi and Wainganga - Pranahita
15 Meghalaya 5 Ganol, Jinjiram, Kynshi, Simsang And Umngot (Dawki)
16 Mizoram 1 Tlwang (Dhaleswari)
17 Nagaland 1 Tizu - Zungki
18 Odisha 5 Baitarni, Birupa - BadiGenguti - Brahmani, BudhaBalanga, Mahanadi and Subarnarekha
19 Punjab 3 Beas, Indira Gandhi Canal and Sutlej
20 Rajasthan 4 Chambal, Indira Gandhi Canal, Jawai and Luni
21 TamilNadu 9 AVM Canal, Bhavani, Kaveri - Kollidam, Manimutharu, Palar, Pazhyar, Ponniyar, Tamaraparani and Vaigai
22 Telangana 5 Bheema, Manjara, Penganga - Wardha, Tungabhadra and Wainganga - Pranahita
23 Uttar Pradesh 10 Asi, Betwa, Chambal, Gandak, Ghaghra, Gomti, Karamnasa, Tons, Varuna and Yamuna
24 West Bengal 15 Ajoy, Bakreswar - Mayurakshi, Damodar, DVC Canal, Dwarekeswar, Dwarka, Gangadhar, Ichamati, Jalangi, Kumari, Mahananda, Rupnarayan, Silabati, Subarnarekha, Sunderbans Waterway (including Bidya - ChhotaKalagachi (ChhotoKalergachi) - Gomar - Haribhanga - Hogla (Hogal) / Pathankhali - Kalindi (Kalandi) - Katakhali - Matla - Muri Ganga (Baratala) - Raimangal - Sahibkhali (Sahebkhali) - Saptamukhi - Thakurran)
Note: Some of the rivers / canals are in more than one State.
Note: West Cost Canal extended in Kerala under NW-3.
Note: Godavari extended in Telangana and Maharashtra under NW-4.
Note: Krishna extended in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra under NW-4.
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